

## CLAIMS

1. A compressed water-softening composition comprising  
at least one water-softening active and a blend of  
5 disintegrating agents comprising
  - (a) cross linked polyplasdone;
  - (b) a water swellable cellulose and, oprionally,
  - (c) a water soluble salt.
- 10 2. A compressed water-softening composition as claimed  
in claim 1 wherein the composition is substantially  
free of surfactant and/or bleach ingredients.
- 15 3. A compressed water-softening composition as claimed  
in claim 1 or 2 wherein the blend of disintegrating  
agents is present in an amount of up to 10% by weight  
of the composition.
- 20 4. A compressed water-softening composition as claimed  
in 3 wherein the blend of disintegrating agents is  
present in an amount of at least 0.1% by weight of  
the composition.
- 25 5. A compressed water-softening composition as claimed  
in any claim from 1 to 5 wherein the water-soluble  
salt has a solubility of at least 50g/100g of  
deionised water at 20°C.
- 30 6. A compressed water-softening composition as claimed  
in any claim from 1 to 6 wherein the water-swellable  
cellulose has a water uptake of at least 15g of

deionised water at 20 °C per g of water-swellable  
cellulose.